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PATENT APPLICATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 1-79, all the pending claims, are subject to a restriction requirement.

The Examiner required Applicants to elect one of sixteen patentably distinct inventions for examination. The Office Action alleges that each of the inventions is distinct because, *inter alia*, "they are products which possess characteristic differences in structure and function and each has an independent utility that is distinct for each invention which cannot be exchanged." (Office Action at page 3).

Applicants provisionally elect herein Group III encompassing claims 30-35, "drawn to an isolated polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2, allelic variants and compositions thereof, classified in class 530, subclass 350".

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that no serious burden would be imposed upon the Examiner by combining several of the groups.

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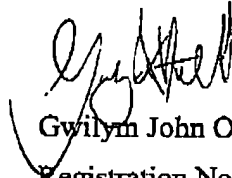
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Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims encompassed by any of the non-elected groups in future divisional applications.

The examination of these claims and passage to allowance are respectfully requested. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited. Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (215) 665-6904 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this response.

Respectfully submitted,



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